



MIOsha Safety and Health Improvement Program (*MiSHIP*)

Investing *\$1,000,000* in Worker Safety and Health

In celebration of the 40th anniversary of Michigan's program for workplace safety and health, the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOsha) is offering matching grant awards of up to \$5,000 to improve workplace safety and health. The grants are open to qualifying employers to purchase safety and health-related equipment. The goal of this special grant program is to create a safer and healthier work environment and reduce the risk of injury and illness to workers in Michigan.

Qualify

To qualify for the MIOsha Safety and Health Improvement Program (MiSHIP) Grant, an employer must meet the following conditions:

- Have 250 employees or less.
- Come under the jurisdiction of MIOsha.
- A qualified safety professional or a safety committee must have conducted a site-specific evaluation and there must be a written report with recommendations based on the evaluation unless the project is for lifting equipment in residential care facilities, or fall protection equipment in residential construction.
- The grant project must be consistent with the recommendations of the safety and/or health evaluation and must directly relate to improvements that will lead to a reduction in the risk of injury or disease to employees.
- The employer must have the knowledge and experience to complete the project, and must be committed to its implementation.
- The employer must be able to match the grant money awarded and all estimated project costs must be covered.

Requirements

The MiSHIP Grant requires that an eligible project is one designed to reduce the risk of injury to employees as identified in a site-specific safety and/or health evaluation conducted at the site. The site-specific evaluation must identify the injury and illness risks associated with a work task or area, and the recommended actions of the grant project must directly relate to eliminating or minimizing the risks.

For the MiSHIP purposes, the recommended actions must be in the form of equipment to be used to reduce workplace hazards. Only items referenced in the hazard evaluation report can be considered eligible, within the proposed project.

The hazard evaluation cannot simply be a letter of endorsement for the grant application. The hazard evaluation is the technical basis for a grant project; therefore, it must provide sufficient supporting documentation for the proposed grant project.

In addition to the hazard evaluation, the MiSHIP places priority on those projects that impact employment sites which provide goods, manufacturing or processing jobs for the majority of workers; businesses within the current MIOsha strategic plan (www.michigan.gov/mioshastrategicplan) and other high-hazard workplaces.

Priority will be given to small employers (250 or less) for the projects listed below.

No Hazard Evaluation Needed for the Following:

- Residential Fall Protection Systems
- Lifting Equipment or Portable Lifting Equipment for In-home Care or Small Nursing/Residential Care Facilities

Hazard Evaluation Needed for the Following:

- Monitoring Equipment for Confined Space Entry
- Noise Reduction Engineering Controls
- Lock Out/Tag Out Systems
- Cooling Systems for Agriculture-based Worksites
- Eyewash Stations for the Accommodations Industry

A limited number of MiSHIP Grants will be available to training organizations. To be eligible, the training organization must make the equipment available to its members for use.

Grant Application

An online MiSHIP application has been developed. It is also available as a printable PDF file or Word document at www.michigan.gov/mioshagrants.

The online application allows applicants to submit information electronically, with the exception of the endorsement page of the application, which must be printed, signed and submitted to MIOSHA's grant administrator.

Process

All applicants must submit an application to MIOSHA for evaluation. MIOSHA will review the application and either approve or deny the project. The applicant will be notified of approval or denial. If the grant project is approved, a project completion date will be identified. After the project has been completed, the recipient will submit cost and implementation documentation. Upon receipt of adequate documentation and implementation, MIOSHA will forward reimbursement of 50 percent of the project up to the maximum reimbursement of \$5,000.

More Information

For more information, contact the CET Grant Administrator at (517) 322-1865 or visit www.michigan.gov/mioshagrants.